

Action on Right to Education Bill.

410. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no action has been initiated, either by the States or the Centre, on the Right to Education Bill enabling to make elementary education a fundamental right, so far;
- (b) whether the Centre had attempted to get the States enact individual legislations without setting a time-frame; and
- (c) whether the Centre would consider enacting a legislation along the lines of Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act requiring the States to enact Right to Education Bill and with the primary financial responsibility resting with the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In pursuance of Article 21A of the Constitution, which makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by providing that "*the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine*", a draft Model Right to Education Bill has been formulated and circulated as framework to the State/UTs with a view to seek their comments thereon.

- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government

Drawing of pay without teaching

†411. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one fourth of primary teachers are drawing pay without teaching the students;

(b) whether his Ministry had conducted any survey regarding teachers employed in Government schools in all the States so that the information regarding absentee teachers could be obtained;

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether a report regarding drawing of salary by the teachers who remained absent in Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand has been received by Government;

(d) the number of dropouts before reaching class V and those before class X; and

(e) the percentage of dropout boys and girls separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Government of India is aware of a study by the World Bank and Harvard University covering 3700 schools in 20 States conducted in 2004 and its findings which reported that 25% of the teachers in Government primary schools are absent on a typical day. The study also showed teacher absence rates in Jharkhand (41.9%), Bihar (37.8%), Uttar Pradesh (26.3%) and Uttarakhand (32.8%).

31.47% children (33.74% boys & 28.57% girls) drop out before reaching class V and 62.69% children (60.98% boys & 64.92% girls) drop out before class X.

Irregularities in Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

†412. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities have been found in the working of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring this Vishwavidyalaya at international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESHWARI): (a) to (c) In regard to allegations of certain irregularities received, the Central Government, with the approval of the Visitor, appointed a Fact Finding Committee to

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